



The Top 25 Web Sites for Home Builders and Home Buyers of Energy-Efficient Homes

1. Advanced Energy Corporation: www.advancedenergy.org/buildings/ – Great publications, particularly “Building Solutions On-line” and “High Performance Homes.”
2. Building Science Consortium: www.buildingscience.com – Building America (BA) team leader with newly revised web site. Lots of practical text and graphic resources on energy-efficient design and construction, particularly under “Houses That Work” and “Case Studies.”
3. DOE's Building America: www.buildingamerica.gov – Lots of good information, particularly under “Additional Resources.”
4. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/index.cfm? – Lots of quality information and technical resources for cold climates for both builders and home buyers/owners.
5. Consortium for Advanced Residential Buildings (CARB): www.carb-swa.com/ – BA team leader, Steven Winter Associates. Check out their “Projects” and “CARB-News.”
6. Energy & Environmental Building Association: www.eeba.org – This is THE trade organization for energy-efficient builders. Especially go to “Building Info Central” and “Communications.”
7. Environmental Building News: www.buildinggreen.com/ – Lots of news stories and feature articles offered on-line that deal with energy efficiency in design and construction.
8. DOE's Efficient Windows Collaborative: www.efficientwindows.org/ – Great resources on why and how to select high performance, climate-tuning glazing.
9. DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network Building Technologies: www.eren.doe.gov/EE/buildings.html – Lots of highly technical resources for both commercial and residential building, but also some energy basics for consumers.
10. EPA's Energy Star: www.energystar.gov/ – Really good product-specific information on high performance appliances and lighting for the home.
11. EPA's Energy Star Homes: <http://yosemite1.epa.gov/estar/homes.nsf/homepage?OpenForm> – Energy Star web site just for high performance homes. Good subsections for both homebuilders and buyers.
12. Hickory Consortium: www.hickoryconsortium.org/ – This BA team leader from Cambridge, Mass. has web resources currently under development representing their work under the Building America program.
13. Home Energy magazine (on-line resources): www.homeenergy.org/ – All past issues of this great publication are on-line. Good technical information for both builders and consumers.
14. Integrated Building and Construction Solutions (IBACOS): www.ibacos-ba.com/index.html – BA team leader, IBACOS, posts their builder case studies under “Publications.”

15. Industrialized Housing Partnership: www.fsec.ucf.edu/ – BA team leader, Florida Solar Energy Center, has excellent technical resources, particularly on energy efficiency for hot, humid climates.
16. Iris Communications, Inc.: www.oikos.com/ – One of the oldest and best commercial sources of publications, products, and news on resource and energy efficiency.
17. HUD's Partnership for Advancing Housing Technology: www.pathnet.org/ – Great resource for builders on technology and building components/systems. Go to "Inventory."
18. NAHB Research Center: www.nahbrc.org/ – Key programs with builder resources include: ToolBase, Energy Value in Housing Award, and "Research."
19. Southface Institute: www.southface.org/ – Southface Institute is a BA partner, posting great resources under "Journal" and "Fact Sheets."
20. National Renewable Energy Lab: www.nrel.gov/buildings_thermal/buildings.html#residential – NREL does a wide range of work on energy-efficiency, but this section of their web site is dedicated to excellent technical resources for builders, particularly on renewable energy systems and energy analysis and building evaluation.
21. Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC): www.sbicouncil.org/home/index.html – National resource clearinghouse for whole building design, product information, professional training, consumer education, and analytic tools.
22. ACEEE: www.aceee.org – The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing energy-efficiency as a means of promoting both economic prosperity and environmental protection.
23. Incentive Insulation Database: www.simplyinsulate.com – An on-line searchable database for access to local information on incentive programs for making energy-efficient improvements. This web site was created and is maintained by North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA).
24. Building Energy Codes: <http://www.energycodes.gov/> – Your resource for tools to facilitate energy code compliance, development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement.
25. ZIP-Code Program for Insulation: http://www.ornl.gov/roofs+walls/insulation/ins_05.html – A computer program is available to help you calculate the amount of insulation appropriate for your house. The program is called the **ZIP-Code** because it includes weather and cost information for local regions defined by the first three digits of each postal service zip code.